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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU ANNOUNCES DEADLINES FOR COMMENTS ON SPECTRUM OVER TRIBAL LANDS NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

WTB Docket No. 11-40

Comment Date: May 19, 2011

Reply Comment Date: June 20, 2011

On March 3, 2011, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on a range of specific proposals and issues concerning the promotion of the greater use of communications spectrum over Tribal lands.¹

The Commission set the comment and reply comment deadlines for the NPRM as 45 and 75 days, respectively, after publication of the summary of the NPRM in the Federal Register.² On April 4, 2011, a summary of the NPRM appeared in the Federal Register.³ Accordingly, interested parties may file **comments on or before May 19, 2011** and **reply comments on or before June 20, 2011**. All pleadings are to reference **WTB Docket No. 11-40**.

Comments may be filed using: (1) the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), (2) the Federal Government's eRulemaking Portal, or (3) by filing paper copies.⁴

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the ECFS: <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/ecfs/> or the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the website for submitting comments.
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¹ Improving Communications Services for Native Nations by Promoting Greater Utilization of Spectrum over Tribal Lands, WTB Docket No. 11-40, *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 11-29 (rel. Mar. 3, 2011).

² *Id.* at para. 82.

³ 76 Fed Reg. 18,476 (April 4, 2011).

⁴ See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings, 63 Fed. Reg. 24,121 (1998).

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For further information, please contact William Huber, Associate Division Chief, or Stephen Johnson, Attorney Advisor, Auctions and Spectrum Access Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau at (202) 418-0660.

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⁵ 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 *et seq.*

⁶ *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).